

SS SCS HB 1807, HB 1093, HB 1107, HB 1156, HB 1221, HB 1261, HB 1269, HB 1641, HB 1668, HB 1737, HB 1782, HB 1868 and HB 1878 -- BREAST CANCER AWARENESS, HIGHWAY DESIGNATIONS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, MUNICIPAL VEHICLES, AND SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

This bill changes the laws regarding contributions to the Breast Cancer Awareness Trust Fund, highway designations, recreational off-highway vehicles, municipal vehicles, and special license plates.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS TRUST FUND

The bill specifies that contributions made to the Breast Cancer Trust Fund must be distributed by the Director of the Department of Revenue to the Department of Health and Senior Services instead of to the Friends of the Missouri Women's Council.

HIGHWAY DESIGNATIONS

The bill makes the following designations:

- (1) Sgt. Issac B. Jackson Memorial Highway in Clinton County;
- (2) LCPL Patrick W. Schimmel Memorial Highway in Lincoln County;
- (3) Spc. James Burnett, Jr. Memorial Highway in Stoddard County;
- (4) Missouri Fox Trotting Highway between the cities of Ava and Mansfield;
- (5) Bob Watts Memorial Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge on the Heart of America Bridge;
- (6) Chief of Police Jerry E. Hicks Memorial Highway in St. Francois County;
- (7) Matthew J. England Memorial Highway in Ozark County;
- (8) Staff Sergeant Norman J. Inman Memorial Highway in Iron County;
- (9) Darrell B. Roegner Memorial Highway in St. Charles County;
- (10) Trooper Fred F. Guthrie Jr. Memorial Highway in Platte County;
- (11) Christopher S. "Kit" Bond Highway in Audrain County;
- (12) AMVETS Memorial Highway in Callaway County; and

(13) Harriett Woods Memorial Highway in St. Louis County.

The costs for the designation must be paid for by private donations.

RECREATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

The bill:

(1) Revises the definition of "recreational off-highway vehicle" by increasing the maximum width of a recreational off-highway vehicle from 60 inches to 64 inches and the maximum unladen dry weight of a vehicle from 1,850 pounds to 2,000 pounds;

(2) Allows the following recreational off-highway vehicles to be operated upon the highways of this state:

(a) Vehicles owned and operated by a governmental entity for official use;

(b) Vehicles operated for agricultural purposes or industrial on-premises purposes;

(c) Vehicles operated within three miles of the operator's primary residence. This provision does not authorize the operation in a municipality unless it is authorized by the municipality;

(d) Vehicles operated occasionally by handicapped persons for short distances only on the state's secondary roads; and

(e) Vehicles issued a special permit by the governing body of a city or a county to a licensed driver for special use of the vehicle on highways within the city or county limits. A \$15 fee may be collected and retained by the city or county for the permit;

(3) Prohibits a person from operating a recreational off-highway vehicle within any stream or river with the exception of an operator who owns the property, has permission to be on the property through which the waterway flows, or is fording it at a road crossing; and

(4) Requires a person operating a recreational off-highway vehicle on a highway under these provisions to have a valid operator's or chauffeur's license with certain specified exceptions, to display a lighted headlamp and a lighted tail lamp, and to wear a seat belt and the vehicle to be equipped with a roll bar or roll cage construction to reduce the risk of injury to an occupant of the vehicle in case of the vehicle's rollover.

MUNICIPALLY OWNED VEHICLES

The bill exempts a motor vehicle used as an ambulance, patrol wagon, or fire apparatus that is owned by a municipality from the requirement to display two license plates and allows it to display one plate or to display the name of the municipality on each side of the vehicle in letters that are not less than three inches in height and not less than three-eighths of an inch in width.

SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

The bill:

(1) Authorizes the issuance of the following special license plates:

- (a) Missouri Junior Golf Foundation;
- (b) Navy Cross;
- (c) I Have A Dream;
- (d) Go Team USA;
- (e) American Red Cross;
- (f) Pony Express;
- (g) National Wild Turkey Federation; and
- (h) National Rifle Association;

(2) Specifies that the annual contribution of an emblem-use authorization fee for the Breast Cancer Awareness special license plate must be made to the Missouri Public Health Service Fund to support breast cancer awareness activities conducted by the Department of Health and Senior Services instead of to the Friends of the Missouri Women's Council and removes the requirement that the plate bear the words "Missouri Women's Council";

(3) Changes the laws regarding the Cass County - The Burnt District special license plate. Currently, the distribution of the required \$25 annual contribution to the Cass County collector for the emblem use authorization must be 80% to public safety and 20% to the Cass County parks and recreation department. The bill changes the distribution to 70% to public safety, 15% to the Cass County Historical Society, and 15% to the Cass County parks and recreation department. The bill specifies that, prior to the

issuance of the specialty personalized plate, the Department of Revenue must be in receipt of an application as prescribed by the department director and accompanied by a list of at least 200 potential applicants, the proposed art design for the specialty plate, and an application fee not to exceed \$5,000. The plate cannot be redesigned unless the organization pays the department director in advance for all redesigned plate fees; and

(4) Revises the provisions regarding the "Don't Tread on Me" special license plate. The bill requires a person applying for the plate to pay a \$15 fee in addition to the regular registration fees and to present any documents required by law. No additional fee can be charged for the personalization of the license plates. The bill specifies the detailed design of the plate.